REMARKS

With the cancellation of claims 1-23, no rejected claims remain pending in this application. Since the new method claims depend from allowed claim 24, Applicants submit that claims 24-35 are in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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